



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 7, 2008**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeffries.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Allen, Hewitt, Jeffries, Kaltenbach, Quinney, Robinson

ABSENT: Councilmembers Dunbar and Wood (Arrived at 7:01 p.m.)

Councilmembers Dunbar and Wood arrived.

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Jeffries

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

By Vice President Quinney

To suspend City Council Rule #11 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion carried

The following items were added to the agenda:

1. From Councilmember Quinney; Letter from the Mayor re: Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate filed by Zander Management, LLC for property located at 319 Clinton St.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Hewitt announced the Groesbeck Neighborhood Association meeting and the Eastside Neighborhood Association meeting.

Councilmember Wood announced that the Lansing Pastors United will be hosting their Annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. She stated that the Black Child and Family Institute will be holding a forum for young African American boys.

Vice President Quinney announced a Town hall meeting at the Black Child and Family Institute on Nutrition Education. He spoke about the 23rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Luncheon at the Lansing Center.

Councilmember Robinson announced the Riverview Estates Neighborhood meeting and that the 3rd Ward is invited to attend a meeting at the Logan Center.

Councilmember Dunbar announced the Clifford Park Neighborhood Association meeting and the Moores Park Neighborhood Association meeting. She announced the Lansing/Eaton Neighborhood Association Meeting. She said there will be a meeting on Neighborhood grant writing. She announced a fundraiser that will be held at the Cadillac Club for Nancy Brandon.

Councilmember Allen stated that all is quiet and good in the 2nd Ward.

City Clerk Swope sent his condolences to the family of Viola Verhougstrate. He said that Viola had been an election inspector for 10 years and that she will be missed by those who worked with her. He spoke about the Presidential Primary Election. He said there is still time to get an Absentee Ballot. He stated that the Clerk's Office in City Hall will be open on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to receive voters. He stated that the voters who have received, but not yet returned their absentee ballots have until 8:00 p.m. on election night to return them in order to be counted. He explained why some of the candidates' names do not appear on the Democratic Ballot. He stated that there are no official write in candidates.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative or City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bernero congratulated President Jeffries and Vice President Quinney on their new leadership roles and stated that he looks forward to working with them and all of their colleagues in the year ahead to move our city forward. He also again congratulated the newest Councilmembers, Eric Hewitt representing the First Ward and A'Lynne Robinson representing the Third Ward. He spoke about several public hearings on tonight's agenda, including the Kalamazoo Gateway development proposed by Gene Townsend. He spoke about the proposed Act 425 tax sharing agreement with Alaiedon Township for the potential expansion of the Jackson National Life Insurance Company. He thanked Council President Jeffries and his colleagues for introducing the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act certificate late item tonight for the exciting new microbrewery proposed by Zander Management.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of ACT-4-07; Groesbeck Drain, Disposition of BWL Property
2. In consideration of ACT-17-2007; 500 block of E. Kalamazoo St. and the 200 block of S. Cedar St., the Kalamazoo Gateway Project
3. In consideration of Brownfield Redevelopment Plan #36, Kalamazoo Gateway Brownfield Project
4. In consideration of Z-12-2007; 500 block of E. Kalamazoo St. and the 200 block of S. Cedar St., a request filed by the City of Lansing Planning and Neighborhood Development Department and The Lenawee Company to rezone property located in the 500 block of E. Kalamazoo St. and the 200 block of S. Cedar St. from "H" Light Industrial District to "G-1" Business District for the Kalamazoo Gateway Project

5. In consideration of Z-11-2007; 1441 Lyons Ave. and 809 Baker St., a request filed by Cynthia Pattison and the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition to rezone the properties located at 1441 Lyons Ave. and 809 Baker St. from "F" Commercial District to "A" Residential District to bring the single family residential use of the properties into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance
6. In consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing to amend Chapter 830 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by creating a new section 830.05A establishing a renewal review process and corresponding application fee and amending sections 830.03, 830.05 and 830.06 to allow the placement of a liquor selling establishment within 500 feet of a church or school under certain conditions and to add the requirement that liquor selling establishments be current on all real property taxes, personal income taxes, corporate income taxes, employee withholding taxes, or other financial obligations to the City

Pat Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, gave a brief overview of Public Hearing #1.

Bill Risky of the City of Lansing Planning and Neighborhood Development Office gave a brief overview of Public Hearing #5.

Brian Anderson of Economic Development Corporation gave a brief overview of Public Hearings #2, #3, #4.

City Clerk Swope gave a brief overview of Public Hearing #6.

Matt Groen of 225 W. Washtenaw St. spoke in opposition to the amendment to the ordinance regarding a renewal fee for liquor license.

Carl Tielking of 516 W. Saginaw St. spoke in support of the Groesbeck Drain Project. He spoke about concerns that he has with the Brownfield project.

Darnell E. Oldham Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. spoke in opposition to any and all tax breaks that are given out.

Christine Timmon of 2519 Washington Ave. spoke in support of the proposed Kalamazoo Gateway Project.

Bob Gray of 422 Dodson Dr. stated concerns that he has with the tax abatements. He spoke about concerns that he has with the proposed liquor ordinance amendment.

Kevin Green of 401 S. Washington Sq. spoke in support of the proposed Kalamazoo Gateway Project.

Lance Binoniemi of 920 N. Fairview St. spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance amendments on liquor license fees.

Leroy Cardwell of 1523 S. Cedar St. spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments to the liquor license ordinance.

Steven Hayward of 1309 W. Michigan Ave. spoke in support of the Groesbeck Drain Project.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke in support of the Groesbeck Drain Project. He spoke in support of the rezoning request for Lyons and Baker Streets.

Gene Townsend of 815 Bancroft Ct. spoke in support of the Kalamazoo Gateway Project.

Richard Clement of 900 Long Blvd. spoke in support of the proposed liquor ordinance amendment.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke in opposition to all the tax abatement requests. She said that she does support the Kalamazoo Gateway project.

Katie Blakley of 3207 Forest Rd. spoke in support of the proposed Kalamazoo Gateway Project.

Brett Telder of 524 S. Jenison Ave. spoke in opposition to the proposed liquor ordinance amendments.

Harold J. Leeman Jr. of 435 N. Francis Ave. spoke in support of the Groesbeck Drain Project.

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of ACT-4-07; Groesbeck Drain, Disposition of BWL Property

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2. In consideration of ACT-17-2007; 500 block of E. Kalamazoo St. and the 200 block of S. Cedar St., the Kalamazoo Gateway Project

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

3. In consideration of Brownfield Redevelopment Plan #36, Kalamazoo Gateway Brownfield Project

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REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that he hopes this year will be better than 2007.

Jessica Narodowiec of 130 E. Reasoner St. spoke about violence against women.

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. spoke about various city matters.

Gary Bodiford of 1120 N. Jenison Ave. spoke about various city matters.

Ted Boettcher of 320 W. Northrup St. spoke about concerns he has with the Northrup Street construction project.

John Brady of 614 W. Northrup St. spoke about the Northrup Street construction project.

Sylvester Stewart of 3601 Berwick Dr. spoke about various city matters.

Virginia Humble of 604 E. Fredrick St. spoke about various city matters.

Bob Gray of 422 Dadson Dr. spoke about various city matters.

Carl Tielking of 516 W. Saginaw St. spoke about various city matters.

Walter Brown of 1310 Knollwood Ave. spoke in opposition to the surveillance cameras being in the neighborhoods.

Darnell E. Oldham Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. spoke about various city matters.

Frank S. Curtis X of 1137 W. Allegan St. spoke about various city matters.

Christine Timmon of 2519 Washington Ave. spoke about various city matters.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke about various city matters.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke about various city matters.

Willie Hobbs of 5017 S. Conners St. spoke about various city matters.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

There were no Resolutions for Action

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no Committee Reports

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

There were no Ordinances for Introduction

ORDINANCES FOR PASSAGE

There were no Ordinances for Passage

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS;

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

By Councilmember Quinney that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Jeffries make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

• Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

- a. Letter from the City Clerk submitting minutes of Boards and

Authorities placed on file in the City Clerk's Office

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- b. Notice from the Lansing Planning Board of a Public Hearing to be held January 8, 2008 to provide citizens the opportunity to examine and comment on proposed objectives, goals and projected use of Community Development fund resources, including the Community Development Block Grant, Home and Emergency Shelter Grant Programs, to be included in the City's Annual Action Plan submission for Fiscal Year 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- c. Letters from the Mayor re:
 - i. Act 425 Agreement; Alaiedon Township for Jackson National Life Expansion Project

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department request for Camtek as the vendor for Manhole Inserts

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

- iii. Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate filed by Zander Management, LLC for property located at 319 Clinton St.

*SUSPENSION ITEM – REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letters from Comcast Cable re:
 - i. Changes to Lansing's Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND REFERRED TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD AND REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

- ii. Dropping Comcast Local from its channel line up effective February 28, 2008

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND REFERRED TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD AND REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

- b. Community Funding Reporting Statement filed by Native American Arts and Crafts Council for their Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow, Native American Cultural Event held June 15-17, 2007

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- c. Letter from Kenneth Peterson of 1701 Mill Stone St. submitting a copy of a Manufactured Housing Statement of Complaint filed against Mill Pond Village, 1500 Old Mill Lane

REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Councilmember Hewitt

To excuse Councilmembers Jeffries and Wood from December 17, 2007 proceedings

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Wood stated that she received a call from Judge Krause stating her concerns regarding the closing of the Ottawa Street Doors. She asked Jerry Ambrose if he could provide City Council with some reasons for closing the doors.

City Clerk Swope spoke about the recount that took place and about the non-recountable precincts. He spoke about the process of sealing the ballot containers.

Council President Jeffries read the following Committee Assignments for 2008:

Committee on Ways and Means

*Kathie Dunbar, Chair
Tim Kaltenbach, Vice Chair
Carol Wood, Member*

Committee on Public Safety

*Sandy Allen, Chair
Carol Wood, Vice Chair
A'Lynne Robinson, Member*

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

*A'Lynne Robinson, Chair
Eric Hewitt, Vice Chair
Brian Jeffries, Member*

Committee of the Whole

*Brian Jeffries, President
Derrick Quinney, Vice President*

**Committee on General Services
Planning**

*Tim Kaltenbach, Chair
Derrick Quinney, Vice Chair
Sandy Allen, Member*

**Committee on Development &
Planning**

*Carol Wood, Chair
Sandy Allen, Vice Chair
Brian Jeffries, Member*

Committee on Personnel – Call of the Chair

*Derrick Quinney, Chair
Brian Jeffries, Vice Chair
A'Lynne Robinson, Member
Carol Wood, Member*

Committee on Public Services

*Eric Hewitt, Chair
Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair
Derrick Quinney, Member*

Other Boards and Commissions

Employee/Police and Fire Retirement Boards: *Carol Wood*
EDC/Brownfield Re-development/Tax Increment Financing Authority/
Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors: *Brian Jeffries*
Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau: *Carol Wood*
Planning Board: *Brian Jeffries, Carol Wood, Sandy Allen*
Tri-County Michigan Works: *Sandy Allen, Derrick Quinney, Kathie Dunbar*
Tri-County Commission on Aging: *Sandy Allen*
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: *Carol Wood, A'Lynne Robinson, Brian Jeffries*
Capital Region Airport Authority: *Tim Kaltenbach*
Downtown Blue Ribbon: *Tim Kaltenbach*
Downtown Lansing, Inc: *Tim Kaltenbach*
Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority: *Eric Hewitt, Tim Kaltenbach*
Principal Shopping District: *Tim Kaltenbach*
Micro Enterprise: *Carol Wood*

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, thanked Council for accepting the late item for Zander Management. He asked City Council to think about the positive things that the Kalamazoo Gateway Project will do for the City of Lansing. He said there are a number of positive projects that will be taking place in Lansing that will have a positive impact on the City.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:29 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK